



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

White Cane Day

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

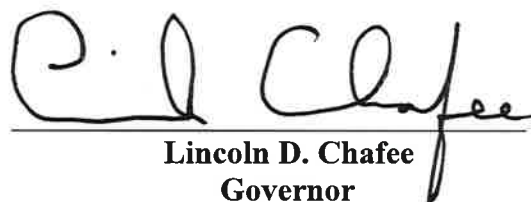
WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

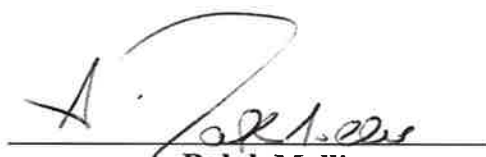
WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind of Rhode Island, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2012 as White Cane Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 15th day of October, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State